

Appl. No. 10/604,495  
Amd. Dated April 7, 2004  
Preliminary Amendment

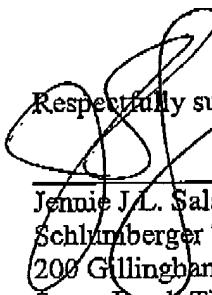
REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-47 remain in this application. New claims 48-56 have been added. Claims 1, 7-14, 20-23, 27, 36 and 41 have been amended herein. Applicants have amended paragraphs 0037, 0043, 0059 and 0061 of the specification. Applicant seeks to capture additional subject matter and correct errors in the claims and the specification. No new matter has been added by way of these amendments.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. Applicant believes this amendment addresses any outstanding issues and place this application in condition for allowance. If this belief is incorrect, or other issues arise, do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

This paper is submitted prior to notification of any Office Action related to the above-referenced case. The Commissioner is authorized to charge the fee of \$230 for the one (1) additional independent and the eight (8) additional dependent claims to Deposit Account No. 19-0610 for the additional claims. Please apply any charges not covered, or any credits, to Deposit Account 19-0610 (Reference Number 20.2771).

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